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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £5,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £360,000.

LONDON: Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLOMBIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells Bills OF EXCHANGE, Issues LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency business generally, on terms to be had on application.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000

Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tang Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. W. Wotton, Esq.
C. J. Hill, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.

Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON:

THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent, Palmer & Co.

JOHN BUTTERY, Esq.—Messrs. John Butter & Co.

C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hallam.

GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

Bankers:

London: The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Scotland: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

SHANGHAI, ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

His Ex. Hu Yu Yen, Lin Kuan King, Esq.

Ma Ki Chong, Esq. Chu Ming Sang, Esq.

Tong Kwei Sung, Esq.

C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.

AMOY—J. ANDERSON, Manager.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money received on Deposit; Drafts issued. Advances made on Securities or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual Bank Agency business undertaken.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 "

For Rates of Interest for other periods apply to the Manager.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1892.

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Insurances.

THE STANDARD SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE OF 64 YEARS STANDING, AND ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST AND MOST PROGRESSIVE OF THE PROFOUND INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE Standard has a long record of good services to refer to; its Funds, annually increasing, amount to £7,000,000. Its Premiums are moderate; and all modern features consistent with safety have been adopted.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents, Hongkong.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Underwriters are prepared to accept FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1891.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....£8,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE: NO. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

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GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 60,000.

EQUAL TO £33,333-33

RESERVE FUND £318,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEE MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c. etc. at CURRENT RATES to all Parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1891.

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Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY next, the 4th, 5th and 6th Inst., on the occasion of the Cricket Match between Hongkong and Shanghai.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION LIMITED.

E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

For the COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS.

L. GLENAT, Acting Agent.

For the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG.

DE WESTLEY LAYTON, Secretary.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

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HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 4 per cent. or 80-80 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held this day, will be PAYABLE at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after Monday, the 1st February.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1892.

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SHAMEEN HOTEL & LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

LOST.

ONE SCRIP CERTIFICATE, No. 163, for Five Shares, No. 461 to 465, standing on the Register of the above Company in the name of Young Fong Kee. Notice has been received to stop the transfer of said Shares up to the 14th February, when, should the missing certificate No. 163 not have been found, A NEW SCRIP will be issued in its place.

By Order of the Board,

R. C. HURLEY, Acting Secretary.

5, Pedder's Hill, Hongkong, 28th January, 1892.

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THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 4, Praya Central, at 12 o'clock (Noon), on SATURDAY, the 6th February next, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1891.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 25th to January to 6th February, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1892.

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THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5, Stanley Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 15th February, 1892, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts to the 30th November last.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 15th February, 1892, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. W. MAITLAND, Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1892.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on FRIDAY, the 26th February, at Half-past Two o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1891.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th inst., both days inclusive.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th day of February next, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1891.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1892.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTRY OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Saturday the 1st to the 27th day of February next, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
CHEMISTS, &c.

COD LIVER OIL JELLY.

THIS is a sweet and exceedingly palatable jelly easily retained and digested by the most delicate stomach. Children speedily grow fond of it and ask for more, and although it contains 50 per cent of the purest Cod Liver Oil, all fishy taste and flavour is entirely covered.

In glasses at 7s Cents.

COD LIVER OIL GENUINE NORWEGIAN.

This is without exception the finest oil that can be produced. Great care is taken in selecting healthy livers only from its manufacture, and as we buy direct from the manufacturer, we are able to guarantee it "Genuine."

Per bottle, 7s Cents and \$1.25.

COD LIVER OIL EMULSION.

A form in which the oil may be taken without difficulty by delicate patients and children.

Per bottle, \$1.

COD LIVER OIL EMULSION WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES (Lime and Soda).

A combination of great value in wasting diseases, especially of the Chest and Respiratory Organs.

Per bottle, \$1. Per dozen \$10.

BALSAM OF ANISEED AND LIQUORICE. For the relief of all catarrhal complaints, such as Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness and Soreness of the Chest, &c.

In bottles, 50 Cents and \$1.

BALSAMIC COUGH LOZENGES.

A never failing remedy for Coughs.

In bottles, 10 Cents.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

AMERICAN CHEROOTS.

These CHEROOTS, made from a fine selected quality of PENNSYLVANIAN TOBACCO LEAF, are mild, well matured, of excellent flavour, and will be found equal to Havanas. They are meeting with much favour in the Colony as an agreeable change from the usual Manila Cigar, and we confidently recommend them to the notice of Smokers.

PRICE \$5.50 per Box of 250.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

PORTS, SHERRIES, CLARETS, BRANDY, SCOTCH WHISKY, IRISH WHISKY, BOURBON WHISKY, GIN and RUM. Our favourite and well-known Brandy of the above are bought direct from the most noted shippers, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices. We shall be pleased to furnish full particulars and price lists on application.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally: it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10lb each.....\$1.50

do Bags do 28lb do\$4.00

Directions for use are given on the label.

RANSOME'S "NEW PARIS".

LAWN MOWERS. The best, and cheapest Machines in the market for sale at manufacturers' prices.

LAWN GRASS SEED.

SWEET CORN SEED.

A fresh supply of the above just received.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1892.

For Sale.

NOW READY.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1892.

CIVIL SERVICE SWINDLES.

The Government has forbidden its servants to deal in land—that is, *bona fide* investments will now all be impossible, but the speculative squeezers will easily be able to continue his business. Very much more efficient action will be necessary before it can be stopped, and very much more care should be exercised so as not to hit the wrong man and kill what is harmless. Still, as an attempt, however clumsy, which shows good intentions on the part of the Government, we are pleased to see it. The spirit which prompted it is certainly right, though the action is foolishly done.

As a general principle the necessity for any order of this sort is greatly to be deplored. *Gravity* is right—it is a serious reflection on the honesty of the Civil Service; but it is a true one. With all due apology to the honest members, it must be said that many of our Civil Servants are cunning scoundrels who have only sought and who only use their official position as a cloak for the business by which they really live and earn their money. This is more especially the case in the P. W. D. By the way, it may be necessary to state clearly that we are not "attacking one man through the whole department," as the Great Q.C. puts it. We don't mean MINHINNETT. MINHINNETT is an honorable man, who never made a dollar outside of the retirement after forty years' business life, of Mr. Thomas Henry Imsay, the senior partner, who was not only the founder of the firm, but also of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company (White Star Line). Mr. Imsay, however, retains his full interest in the White Star Line, and will continue to act as Chairman.

Here is a good yarn which, for native simplicity in the higher ranks of officialdom, even Mitchell could hardly surpass. The *Clive*, an Indian Marine ship, was recently in dock, and one of the high officials at Poona telegraphed that he was to be made ready for sea by a certain (near) date. The reply message read: "Clive neaped; cannot be ready till 25th." The high official immediately wired back thus: "Order Clive to be unpeaked at once." Where ignorance is bliss—and so on.

THE new Portuguese Cabinet, formed by Sochor Dias Ferreira, Minister for Home Affairs, a fortnight ago is constituted as follows:—

PresidentDias Ferreira.

Minister of JusticeBishop Bethalda.

Chancellor of theOliveria Martins.

ExchequerGeneral Jorge Candido.

Minister of WarGeneral Jose Cândido.

Minister of MarineFerreira Amaral.

Minister of ForeignCosta Lobo.

Minister of Public WorksViscount Chancelor.

DURING the two preceding nights Woodsey's circus has been doing splendid business—and rightly too, for the entertainment which the management is now submitting to the public is one that really merits substantial recognition. On Monday night the huge pavilion was almost filled and last night the audience testified their approval of the programme by lavish applause. From beginning to end the performance ran as smoothly as water down a hill. A complete change of programme is notified for this evening's entertainment; and doubtless it will prove as attractive as those previously put on. Anyhow, there is no more pleasant way of spending an evening than by a visit to Woodsey's circus.

ACCORDING to *El Reproductor*, there is a project on foot to introduce the practice of washing into Mexico. At least, that is what it looks like according to our Office Goat's interpretation of an article in that paper, which is printed in Spanish. It says:—"In all cities, and especially in hot ones, the bath is a valuable hygienic auxiliary to the preservation of public health. It is wonderfully effective in clearing the hide from all secretions, all viscous accumulations, and all extraneous matter that may adhere to it. Such can be removed by the process of washing, so that the skin may perform its functions freely and unencumbered. It is hardly possible, without having seen it, to form any idea of the immense amount of miscellaneous things that collect on the skin during the year, which all can be removed by this new process—contingents, germs, bacilli, parasites, fungi, growths, weeds, and sometimes even lost articles of jewellery. It is also a useful invention for jockeys, as it reduces weight considerably. The process is simple, and though unpleasant at first, in time one may get used to it. About once a year, you take a large vessel of wood or other material, called a "tub," and fill it with common ordinary water such as is used for making punch; then you take a lump of a substance called—

(Advertising space to let here. Tenders invited from soap manufacturers. Apply to the Goat.)

A MEETING of the London Institute of Marine Engineers was held on the 8th December. Mr. F. A. Kendall presiding, in Graham College, Basinghall-street E.C., when Mr. S. C. Sage read a paper on "Watertight Bulkhead-Doors." Hinged doors, sliding doors, with horizontal and vertical action, were reviewed and their several good and bad points touched upon. The vertical sliding door was commended as being most suitable and best adapted for the purpose of Police, and representing himself as a medical man, told him that the American Minister had been suddenly seized with a fit at Maurice's, and was absolutely necessary that he should be at once taken home, but that at that hour of the night it was impossible to find people to carry him; he, therefore, craved the assistance of Monsieur le Commissaire. That functionary was all politeness, and was, of course, desirous to serve so distinguished a member of the diplomatic corps, so he sent some of his men, who transported the body to the Minister's house, suspecting nothing, and little thinking that they were carrying a *cadaver*. And so, thanks to Maurice's ready wit, a very grave scandal was avoided. The next day, of course, the papers had the startling news that the U.S. representative had died suddenly in his house after returning from the palace, and so the occurrence passed out of memory. When Pope Hennessy coincided to the Commissaire, and told him that truly only those in the secret knew, it is certain, however, that the bedding Governor of Hongkong earned the undying gratitude of a somewhat remarkable and very pretty woman, who had in those days considerable influence in more than one quarter.

WOODYEAR'S CIRCUIT to-day gave another afternoon performance at West Point, which attracted a large number of adults and children, who were to all appearance abundantly satisfied with the programme which was provided. The show opened with the Egyptian pyramid—“which was well appreciated. Miss Zaida and Little Ethel in their daring trapéze act, suspended by the teeth of the former, scored a great success. The clowns of Victor and Mary caused no end of fun. As will be seen from the advertisement, there will be only two afternoon performances every week, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

THE World understands that within the next few months Prince George of Wales will take his seat in the House of Lords as Duke of Kent.

COUNT D'ESTERRE, the author of the "Memoirs on the French Expedition to China," has recently been appointed to command the native levies in the French Congo.

It is instructive to note the column-headings of our Central and South American contemporaries. They group the various items thus:—Notices, Ecclesiastical notes—Penitentiaries (grafe)—Teatro (theatrical notes)—Duelos—Revolucion—Educacion (educational notes)—Avizos (advertisements).

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:—H.E. Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G.\$ 50
Van Wu King St50
Mrs. Caldwell25
Small sums5

OUR Mexico exchanges contain long accounts of a new training ship just built for the Mexican government by the Forges et Chantiers Co. of Havre. The vessel is called the *Zaragoza*, and is constructed according to the most modern principles. It is anticipated that she will be a valuable adjunct to the Mexican navy.

THE boatload of raw opium (seven chests) seized by Inspector Hanson lately was to-day turned over to the Farmer. Nothing is to be said of the case after all. The boatman was provided with a Farm permit, "to remove the opium to Farm premises," and though he was caught heading straight for Chinese territory, it cannot be helped. Put it down to the strong currents that run in this harbour.

THE British *North Borneo Herald* in reviewing the past year holds that the tobacco industry there has fully asserted the fact that the country can grow a quality of tobacco equal to, and even superior to that of Sumatra, and dwells upon the alleged fact that Borneo has beaten Sumatra by at least 50 per cent. in prices; and that in addition Borneo tobacco is now being anxiously enquired for.

MESSRS. Imsay, Inrie, and Co., shipowners of Liverpool, have issued a circular announcing the retirement after forty years' business life, of Mr. Thomas Henry Imsay, the senior partner, who was not only the founder of the firm, but also of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company (White Star Line). Mr. Imsay, however, retains his full interest in the White Star Line, and will continue to act as Chairman.

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United States would adopt a like policy America would soon govern the markets of the whole world. In France, where it is impossible to develop our resources further, there is some excuse for protection, but not in America where the possibilities of development are unbounded."

The correspondent of the *Examiner* at Brazzaville on the French Congo announces that Explorer De Brazza, now Governor of the colony, is making preparations for an expedition of considerable magnitude in the direction of Lake Tchad.

The correspondent goes on to say that Brazza has been making preparations for this since he learned of the failure of M. Crampel, whose failure he foresees on account of the insufficiency of his outfit.

Several months ago Brazza collected large quantities of food supplies, medicines, arms and ammunition on the banks of the Sangha and Abanghi. He possesses, rallying heavy guns and portable boats, and has recruited several detachments of the native militia of Senegal, whom he has brought by different routes to Brazzaville, where he now has centred a small army of 1,200 men, ready to march on Lake Tchad.

His Sengalese to the number of 600 are armed with modern breechloaders and are commanded by sixty Europeans. The entire force is provisioned for two years.

According to the *Figaro* the Conservatives of Brazil have chosen the Archbishop of Aix, who was recently fined for sedition, to contest the seat in the Chamber just left vacant by the death of Bishop Frappé.

An express train from Paris to Brussels came in collision with a freight train near Mons to-day. Ten persons were injured.

Vienna, December 27th.

A communication from Warsaw says that an official order has been issued closing the Catholic churches at Vodziany and Buski, and that other towns will receive the same orders very soon. This action is said to be taken in obedience to direct orders from the Czar, who is more than ever determined to stamp out all creeds not in accord with the Orthodox Church.

A wealthy man named Hambeck of Gratz shot his sons, aged 6 and 7, and then committed suicide, having an idea that his sons, who stammered, had an hereditary taint of insanity.

St. Petersburg, December 27th.

It has been discovered that the four for the family relief of which the municipality purchased at an exorbitant rate has been adulterated until it is unfit for food.

Typhus and typhoid fever are prevalent among the prisoners at Samara. The doctors whose duty it is to attend the sick prisoners are in despair and have not visited their charges for a month. The rapid increase in the number of deaths leads to the famine reported here.

Saint Etienne, December 27th.

John Cooper and Walter McLeod, Englishmen, arrested in November for offering a bribe to the workmen of the arms factory here to procure samples of the new French and Russian carbines, have been convicted. Cooper was sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment and a fine of \$600, and McLeod to two months and a fine of \$200.

Washington, December 27th.

Alexander Grgor, chargé d'affaires of the Russian Legation, referring to the reports of unrelieved distress in Russia, said that the Government and people are doing everything in their power to relieve distress.

City of Mexico, December 27th.

The Governor of Durango telegraphs that in that State the people are dying of starvation. Corn is being sold at cost to the poor, and money or orders for the purchase of corn are being distributed by organized charity. The President has ordered the proper federal officials to aid the poor in Durango and other States where there is suffering because of the scarcity of provisions.

Rome, December 27th.

It is announced that the United States has agreed to pay Italy the sum asked as indemnity to the relatives of the men lynched at New Orleans. Indemnity will be paid only for the deaths of those known to have been Italian subjects.

Buenos Ayres, December 27th.

Reca and Pellegrini declare Mitre is the only possible candidate for the Presidency.

Brussels, December 27th.

The agitation here against the Belgians' entering into a treaty of commerce with Germany is extending. The journal *La Reforme* declared that despite the opposition the treaty will be adopted.

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It has been learned that three men were killed in Genie p'ss. They tried to cross the pass and were swallowed up in an avalanche.

London, December 28th.

Alfred Cellier the composer is dead. He had been suffering from influenza for two weeks, and was unable to finish the orchestration of "The Mountebanks," a comic opera, the jilt work of himself and W. S. Gilbert, in time for the production at the date first set.

Alfred Cellier will be mourned by a wide circle of good fellows. He was personally a very great favorite, and after many years of work and more or less disappointment, he made a great success with his opera of "Dorothy," which was a charming wok. Before he had written many songs and much music which became popular, and made reputations for others, who owed a great deal to his assistance.

The English nobility probably will be pleased at the receipt of the news that the Countess Clancarty, formerly the well-known music hall singer Belle Bilton, and still later known as Lady Dunlo, gave birth yesterday to twins, both boys, one of whom becomes Lord Dunlo. The difference in the ages of the young swells is said to be only twenty minutes. The younger of the two will probably be sorry for the rest of his life that he was late, less than half an hour.

The Countess Clancarty telegraphed to a friend from Upper Hare Park: "Nothing succeeds like success. A double bill to-night. Pantomime not in it." The Countess took a leading part in the Fairy Lane pantomime just a year ago.

These births amply provide for the direct succession to the Earldom of Clancarty and several other titles which belong to the holder of that cauldron. It is believed the event will lead to a complete reunion of the family relations, which were badly strained by the marriage of the present Earl, who was then Viscount Dunlo, to the well-known concert-hall singer.

Dispatches from Warsaw state that the Grand Duke Sergius, who is to be removed from the Governorship of Moscow, has been tampering with the loyalty of Russian officials in Wilna, Moscow and Warsaw, and that he is now suspected to be at the head of a conspiracy to overthrow the Czar. Wholesale arrests have been made and more are expected to follow. It is stated that the Grand Duke is to be sent to Central Asia to command some post, and that he will be accompanied by officers instructed to prevent his return. The Grand Duke Sergius is the recognized head of the old Russian orthodox party, and, due to the present time stood in high favor with the Czar. The gravest charges are made against his administration of the funds of the Red Cross Society sent for the relief of famine sufferers.

Paris, December 28th.

An account of wreck and loss of life has been received from Arcachon, a distance from thirty-five miles from Bordeaux. The French steamer *Albatross*, engaged in the oyster fishery at Arcachon, was wrecked, and eleven of her crew, in fact the whole crew with the exception of one man, were drowned.

An old man living in the Eastern department killed his son in a quarrel over a legacy. When the gendarmes arrived to arrest him he barricaded himself in the house. He fired at a gendarme whereupon a second gendarme fired his pistol at the murderer and killed him.

The birth of February has been fixed for the marriage of Miss Mattie Mitchell to the Duc de la Rochefoucauld, which will probably be celebrated in the private chapel in the nunciature or residence of the Papal Nuncio to the French Republic. The family say that the Senator will not be able to come to Europe to attend his daughter's wedding.

St. Petersburg, December 28th.

The police have made a large number of arrests in Russian Poland at the result of the discovery of a secret league, the object of which was to assassinate the Czar. It is thought many persons connected with the conspiracy have taken flight at the knowledge of their plans by the police and will seek safety by fleeing from the country, so the authorities have ordered the frontier to be closely watched, and it is believed further arrests will shortly be made.

At Milan, the capital of Courland, Baron Hann, a well known land owner, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for tearing down an imperial coat-of-arms which stood over the door of the court at that place.

The scandal arising from the discovery of adulterated flour here is apt to make trouble for a number of people. The consignment comprised 100,000 English pounds of barley-flour purchased from dealers in Libau with a view of regulating the price of wheat in the St. Petersburg market, as well as to afford relief to the famine sufferers. An investigation proved that the entire consignment was adulterated with chalk dust and other substances. These comprised such a large proportion of the consignment that the use of the alleged flour would have constituted a very dangerous menace to the health, if not the lives, of those who partook of it.

In speaking of this gigantic fraud the *Novoye Vremya* remarks that if such frauds can be perpetrated in the capital of the empire the apprehension of similar crimes in the family-striken provinces cannot be exaggerated.

Rome, December 28th.

The Duchess Isabella of Genoa, sister of the Queen of Italy, is suffering from influenza. The disease is widely prevalent in Florence and Bergamo. The tomb erected by Pope Leo to Pope Innocent was unveiled yesterday with great pomp.

Washington, December 28th.

Chile must express his regrets for the assault upon the Baltimore sailors and pays to the families of the murdered seamen a snug indemnity. She must do this within two weeks. Her refusal will mean war with the United States. The Chilean man-of-war *Captain Prat*, now at Toulon, will not be allowed to leave that port until this difficulty has been settled. An officer of the navy has been watching the *Captain Prat*, and he reports to this Government every stroke of work which puts that formidable cruiser in a considerate portion of the Bellevue property.

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